



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: U.S. Patent Application of Richard S. NORMAN et al.  
App. No.: 09/870,800 Art Unit: 2664  
Filed: June 1, 2001 Examiner: Andrew Chung Cheung LEE  
For: **CELL-BASED SWITCH FABRIC WITH DISTRIBUTED SCHEDULING**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows and re-examine the application in view of the amendments and remarks provided. A petition for extension of time is being submitted concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are described on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** appear on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Attachment:** An **Appendix** consisting of replacement sheets 1/21, 5/21, 9/21, 14/21, 17/21 and 21/21 (containing amended Figs. 1, 5, 9, 14, 17A and 20), is attached following page 12 of this paper.